

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: James M. Tour, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/593,918  
Filed: August 6, 2007  
Title: FUNCTIONALIZATION OF CARBON NANOTUBES IN ACIDIC MEDIA  
Confirmation No: 5884  
Art Unit: 1793  
Examiner: Brittany M. Martinez

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of March 9, 2010 with a shortened statutory period for reply of three months set to expire on June 9, 2010, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. As said shortened statutory period has now expired, Applicants petition for an extension of time and request that a one-month extension of time fee in the small entity amount of \$65.00 be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-2426 of Winstead PC (referencing matter 11321-P086WOUS). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the remarks and amendments set forth in this response as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7 of this paper.

**Appendix I** begins on Page A-1 of this paper.